

SSL Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2017

1. Roll Call – Attendees: Rachel Lamkin (KYLA), Steve Hildreth (Gig Harbor), Trever Huddleston (Rogers), John Nesby (North Kitsap), Mark Funkhouser (Lake Tapps), Amber Stream (Vashon), Sherri Woolworth (Tacoma), Tanya Winters (Bethel), Chad Tracy (Tahoma), Dani Akulschin (Peninsula), Mason Phelps (U Place), & Dave Arand (North Olympic).

Absent: Emerald Ridge, Orting, & Olympia

Guests: Marci Pollard (Bethel, Pres), Jim Horan (KYLA, Equipment Mgr), Paul Akulschin (Peninsula, Pres).

2. Meeting called to order by Mark Funkhouser at 7:09 pm
3. Review and approve minutes from the February meeting: Steve motioned, Trever seconded, to approve the Minutes. Unanimous.
4. Board Reports
 - a. **President's Report:** Mark brought up an issue from a recent game where the referees did not know how to properly enforce the over & back penalty. He was able to get a WALOA contact on the phone which resolved the issue. **He is available for any club to contact when issues arise at games.** Review of meeting agenda.
 - b. **Vice President's Report:** Rules & Regulations: See below.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Savings = \$4555.78, Checking = \$7184.55. Mason has sent the first of three payments to Arbiter for refs. **Norm must let Mason know of any no shows by refs each week so he can keep close watch over any refunds needed from WALOA.** As an aside, U Place has 40 referees this year.
 - d. **Secretary's Report:** Rachel updated club contact info. Orting's president role is vacant.
5. Old Business
 - a. Chris Hall Memorial Scholarship: A third grader from Orting was awarded the scholarship this year. **Mason will send a check to the Orting Lacrosse Club.** Thank you Norm, Amber, & Marci who volunteered to head the sub-committee to review the application!
 - b. Website (**Norm**): **Any last minute game changes** must be sent to Mark or Norm so that they can contact WALOA. **Also, as a common courtesy, please make every effort to contact (via email or phone call) the head coach of the opposing team with any last minute field/game time changes!** Our payment to League Athletics required a check to be mailed due to the changeover in Treasurer (& the new debit card had not arrived yet). Google ads are displayed until the payment is received. **Game Reporting** went well. Updating scores on club websites that feed into SSSL is fine, but **please also email the results to Norm.** Various teams had no refs or only one ref (& maybe a second ref for the second half). **Gig Harbor needs to link their website to SSSL. Olympia, Orting, Tacoma, and North Kitsap MUST visit the SSSL website to ensure they are up-to-date on any changes.** Norm has requested a few pictures from each club to use as a background for the SSSL website.
 - c. **Reporting Game Scores:** Each coach must email final game scores to Norm at southsoundlacrosse@gmail.com. Please let him know: 1. Which teams played (ie. Olympia Gold 7/8), 2. Final score, 3. Number of refs, and 4. Any issues. The scores will be posted by the Monday after the Saturday game (48 hours) regardless if both coaches report or not.
 - d. Rules & Regulations Revisions: Steve will clean up the language for Section IV regarding a player playing up a division (club's decision) as well as Section V paragraph 3 regarding the waitlist (club to club issue). **He will have this for our next meeting.**

6. New Business

- a. Mark spoke at length about the relationship between WALOA, Arbiter, and ARCOS and how scheduling and assigning works. After the change this year, High School & Youth teams are now currently using the same system except for Spokane. It was determined that there needed to be more information gathered to better understand how all these work and the effects on us. SLL is committed for this year and will reassess to see how it has worked for us.
- b. Mark has been approached by Erik Smith of ARCOS (the referee assigner) regarding a program called MBO. This is a mentorship program that provides extra referee supervision for the bench and coaches as well as the two referees during games. After discussion, **Mark will respond that SLL is not in a position to support this at this time, especially with our current more pressing issues with referees and scheduling in the SLL.**
- c. For those clubs without nearby referees, **Steve will look into US Lacrosse's insurance provider to discuss their position on referee training requirements, in case we have to use referees trained online that were unable to go to the training in February.**
- d. Due to the lack of referees in outlying areas, Erik Smith (the referee assigner from ARCOS) suggested we provide incentives for refs traveling greater than 20 miles. His proposed fees would be: \$20 extra to go to Silverdale, \$30 extra to go to North Olympic, and paying the ferry fee to go to Vashon. He also suggested trying to better stack games together and with HS games so the same referees could do them all in one trip. **We discussed the importance and responsibility of each community that has youth lacrosse to assess the referee resources in their area each year to ensure they are trained and ready to support the season.** We decided since we were not totally aware of the issue and did not make a fair effort to address this prior to the season, the idea of all clubs subsidizing these expenses for this year was brought forward. Rachel motioned and Dave seconded that all SLL programs will help pay for referee transportation fees to travel to outlying areas to help make sure there are referees. This season, all SLL clubs would share these extra fees, estimated to be between \$50-100/club at a maximum of \$1500 paid out before a re-vote. WALOA would handle paying the incentives and would be reimbursed by SLL. Unanimous.

7. Next Meeting – 04/12/2017

8. Adjournment: Amber motioned, Steve seconded, all approved, to adjourn at 9:05 pm